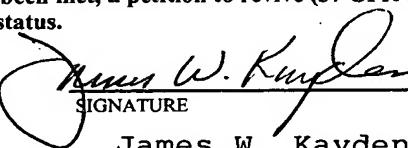


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/FR02/04589</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>30 December 2002</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>28 December 2001</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>Multiple-Pouch Intragastric Balloons, Surgical Device for Expanding Said Balloon and Method for Making Same</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>LOINTIER, Patrice, Henri; VERDIER, Alain, Jean, Charles; and BORY, Roger-Michel</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ul> </p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ul> </p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ul> </p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p>		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <b>Copy of PCT/RO/101; Copy of PCT Publication; Copy of International Preliminary Examination Request; and English translation of International Preliminary Examination Report</b></p>		

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<p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</p> <p>  <b>James W. Kayden</b>          Thomas, Kayden, Horstemeyer          &amp; Risley, LLP          100 Galleria Parkway, NW          Suite 1750          Atlanta, GA 30339-5948</p>			
<p><b>SIGNATURE</b>  <b>James W. Kayden</b>  <b>NAME</b>  <b>31,532</b>  <b>REGISTRATION NUMBER</b></p>			

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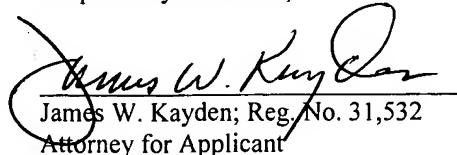
Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned International application are the following documents:

1. Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US);
2. Fee Calculation Sheet (in duplicate);
3. A Credit Card Authorization Form;
4. A translated International Application, including 35 pages of Description; 7 pages of Claims; a page of Abstract; and 8 sheets of Drawings (depicting Figures 1-12);
5. Preliminary Amendment;
6. Copy of PCT/R0/101 (PCT Request);
7. Copy of PCT Publication WO 03/055420 A1;
8. Copy of International Preliminary Examination Request;
9. English translation of International Preliminary Examination Report;
10. Information Disclosure Statement, including a copy of the International Search Report, Form 1449 and seven (7) references; and
11. Return receipt postcard.

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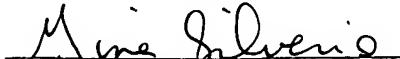
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